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SUBJECT: FURTHER MILITIA DENIALS OF ACCESS TO EMBASSY

REF: STATE 082696; MOSCOW 7728, 7538 AND PREVIOUS

1. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INCIDENTS OF SOVIET MILITIA DENIAL OF ACCESS TO EMBASSY OCCURRED MAY 27-30.

2. MOST CLEAR-CUT VIOLATION IN RECENT DAYS OCCURRED LATE MORNING MAY 29 WHEN SOVIET CITIZEN MIKHAIL ILYITCH PARKANSKY WAS INTERCEPTED BY SOVIET MILITIAMEN POSTED OUTSIDE EMBASSY AND DENIED ACCESS TO EMBASSY DESPITE FACT HE HAD WRITTEN CONSULAR INVITATION IN HAND. PARKANSKY WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SOVIET CIZEN RELATIVE WHO HAD EXIT PASSPORT FOR EMIGRATION TO US; AT PARKANSKY'S REQUEST, INVITATION TO VISIT EMBASSY HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED THROUGH RELATIVES ON PREVIOUS DAY. RELATIVES INFORMED CONSOFF AT TIME THEIR IMMIGRATION INTERVIEW THAT PARKANSKY (AGE 30), WIFE AND INFANT SON APPLIED MOSCOW OVIR LATE MARCH FOR PERMISSION EMIGRATE TO HIS BROTHER, VLADIMIR I. PARKANSKY, 6801 SHADYBROOK CIRCLE, APT 104, DALLAS TEXAS. ACCORDING RELATIVES (IN-LAWS OF PARKANSKY'S

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BROTHER IN US), MOSCOW OVIR AUTHORITIES REFUSED PARKANSKY'S

VISA APRIL 27 WITH STATEMENT THAT THEIR DEPARTURE "WOULD NOT BE EXPEDIENT" (NET TSELESOOBRAZNOSTI). PARKANSKY, WHO WAS FIRED FROM JOB (TECHNICIAN IN MEDICAL LABORATORY) UPON APPLYING FOR EXIT PERMISSION IN MARCH, WROTE APPEALS TO PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY, WHICH WERE TRANSMITTED TO EMBASSY BY HIS RLATIVES. (APPEALS POUCHED TO EUR/SOV WITH REFERENCE THIS MESSAGE.)

3. WHEN RELATIVE INFORMED EMBASSY THAT PARKANSKY HAD BEEN INTERCEPTED BY MILITIA AND TAKEN TO THEIR INTERROGATION BOOTH ON CORNER, CONSOFF APPROACHED MILITIA TO REQUEST HIS RELEASE. SENIOR MILITIA REPRESENTATIVE (STARSHINA) PETROV DENIED THAT ANY INTERCEPTION HAD TAKEN PLACE, HOWEVER AND CLAIMED NO KNOWLEDGE OF PARKANSKY. WHEN CONSOFF SO INFORMED PARKANSKY'S RELATIVE, SHE REITERATED THAT SHE HAD WITNESSED INTERCEPTION AND EXPRESSED INTENTION RETURN TO EMBASSY WITH PARKANSKY TEN MINUTES HENCE. SHE ASKED THAT CONSOFF MEET HTEM ON STREET TO ESCORT PAST MILIUIAMEN. PER RELATIVE'S REQUEST, CONSOFF WAITED FIVE MINUTES BEFORE GOING TO STREET, BUT THERE WAS NO SIGN OF EITHER PARKANSKY OR RELATIVE. CONSOFF DID NOT PURSUE INCIDENT FURTHER WITH MILITIAMEN.

4. CONSOFF REPORTED INTERCEPTION BY TELEPHONE SAME MORNING TO MFA PROTOCOL SECOND SECRETARY PASKIN, WHO DEALS WITH ACCESS MATTERS. CONSOFF STATED THAT INTERCEPTION OF IMMIGRATION APPLICANT WITH WRITTEN INVITATION TO EMBASSY IS IN VIOLATION OF CONSULAR CONVENTION AND LONG-STANDING MFA ASSURANCES CONCERNING ACCESS TO EMBASSY. CONSOFF EXPRESSED REGRET THAT DESPITE AMBASSADOR'S REPRESENTATION TO KORNIYENKO ON ACCESS ISSUE APRIL 1 (MOSCOW 4730), CONSOFFS' FOLLOW-UP WITH PASKHIN APRIL 15 (MOSCOW 5610), AND DEPARTMENT'S REPRESENTATION TO SOV EMBASSY APRIL 23 (STATE REFTEL), SITUATION HAS NOT IMPROVED. PASKHIN ASKED WHETHER INTERCEPTED SOVIET CITIZEN HAD EXIT PERMISSION. CONSOFF REPLIED THAT HE HAD APPLIED TO OVIR AUTHORITIES FOR PERMISSION JOIN BROTHER IN US, BUT HAD NOT YET RECEIVED PERMISSION. CONSOFF EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER THAT WE DON NOT RPT NOT CONSIDER THAT CONSULAR ACCESS IS RESTRICTED ONLY TO PERSONS WITH EXIT VISAS IN HAND. PASKHIN AGREED TO INFORM HIS SUPERIORS OF INCIDENT AND OF CONTINUING EMBASSY CONCERN OVER ACCESS QUESTION. CONSOFF ALSO GAVE PASKHIN PARKANSKY'S NAME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND STATED THAT WE EXPECT HIM TO BE ADMITTED TO EMBASSY. LATTER GAVE NO ASSURANCES THIS REGARD, HOWEVER, AND AS OF MID-DAY MAY 30 EMBASSY HAD NOT HEARD FROM EITHER PARKANSKY OR HIS RELATIVES.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT MAY WISH BRING PARKANSKY INTERCEPTION TO ATTENTION SOVIET EMBASSY, AS THIS INSTANCE OF DENIAL IS SIMILAR TO THOSE RAISED EARLIER BY BOTH DEPARTMENT AND

EMBASSY (FAMILY REUNIFICATION CASE WITH EMBASSY INVITATION LETTER IN HAND).

FOR GENEVA: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION ADVISING WHETHER PARKANSKY'S RELATIVES, MR./MRS. LEONID GAVRILYUK, ARRIVE ROME JUNE 2 FOR TCP PROCESSING AS SCHEDULED (MOSCOW 8075). UHS REPRESENTATIVES ROME ARE REQUESTED ASCERTAIN FROM GAVRILYUKS PARKANSKY'S PRESENT SITUATION AND CONSEQUENCES HIS ATTEMPTED VISIT TO EMBASSY.

6. OTHER ACCESS DENIALS: PHYSICAL APPREHENSION BY MILITAMEN OF PERSONS ATTEMPTING VISIT EMBASSY CONTINUES OCCUR ON VIRTUALLY DAILY BASIS. ON MAY 28, FOR EXAMPLE, TWO EMBASSY WIVES WITNESSED MILITAMEN DRAG UNIDENTIFIED ELDERLY MAN TO THEIR INTERROGATION BOOTH ON CORNER. ON MAY 27, ROMANIAN EMBOFF INVITED TO EMBASSY BY ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER WAS INITIALLY DENIED ENTRY BY MILITAMEN, WHO INDICATED THAT EMBASSY WAS "CLOSED" BECAUSE OF MEMORIAL DAY AND THEREFORE HE COULD NOT ENTER. ROMANIAN RETURNED TO EMBASSY TO CALL US EMBOFF, WHO THEN WENT TO STREET TO MEET HIM. (FYI: EMBASSY HAS ALSO EXPERIENCED PREVIOUS INCIDENTS OF INTERFERENCE WITH THIRD COUNTRY DIPLOMATS. END FYI) IN FURTHER INCIDENT, SOVIET CITIZEN VLTAIMIR BARYNIN APPROACHED DAO OFFICER ON STREET MAY 29 TO STATE THAT INVITATION TO EMBASSY SENT AT THEIR REQUEST TO HIS BROTHER AND HIMSELF HAD BEEN CONFISCATED BY MILITAMEN WHEN THEY ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO ENTER EMBASSY EARLIER. IN MOST RECENT INCIDENT, FRG EMBASSY SCIENCE COUNSELOR BRENNER INFORMED CONSOFFS THAT HE WAS PHYSICALLY BLOCKED BY MILITAMEN WHEN ATTEMPTING ENTER EMBASSY TO OBTAIN US VISA LATE AFTERNOON MAY 30. ACCORDING BRENNER, BEFORE HE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO FULLY IDENTIFY HIMSELF, MILITAMEN QUESTIONED HIM AS TO PURPOSE HIS VISIT TO EMBASSY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND WHOM HE INTENDED TO SEE.

7. PRESS INTEREST: HAVING BEEN SENSITIZED TO ACCESS ISSUE BY SULSKIENE, HOXSEY AND OTHER RECENT CASES OF MILITIA INTERFERENCE, US PREMS REPRESENTATIVES IN MOSCOW HAVE INQUIRED EXTENSIVELY IN PAST FEW WEEKS AS TO NATURE SUCH INCIDENTS AND EMBASSY POSITION ON ACCESS. MOST RECENT INQUIRY WAS BY NYT BUREAU CHIEF HEDRICK SMITH ON MAY 30, WHO WAS FAMILIAR WITH BARYNIN (PARA 6 ABOVE) AND OTHER INCIDENTS. SMITH EXPRESSED INTENTION FILE STORY ON ACCESS DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED BY EMBASSY, PARTICULARLY WITH REFERENCE TO COMING TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF US-USSR CONSULAR CONVENTION. EXMEPT STOESSEL

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